

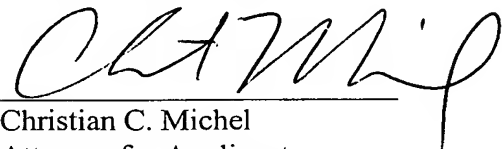
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 6-14 and 16-22 will be pending.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 6-14, 16, 17 and 20-22 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 6, 7, 9, 16, 20 and 21 were previously rewritten in independent form. Claim 18 is currently amended to depend from claim 16, which was indicated to be allowable. Claims 8, 1-14, 17-19 and 22 therefore all depend from allowable claims. Allowance of claims 6-14 and 16-22 is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5 and 15 have been canceled from this application, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application without prejudice.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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